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Sri A. Appu :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to show the report to me, as a Member representing the islands, with the remarks of the Board of Revenue and the Collector thereon? And has any provision been made in the current year's budget to start any development works in these islands in the official year 1953–54? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" As I have already said, the report is under examination by the Government. Unless the Government examine and take decisions, it is not possible to provide for any development works in the budget."

Sri KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE :—" How long will it take for the Government to come to a decision on the report, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" It will take some reasonable time. Final decision can be taken only after the report is considered by various heads of departments as it involves very important decisions and also by the Government of India on certain issues."

Sri C. H. KANARAN :—" What are the main proposals in the report submitted by the Special Officer? "

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, it is a very huge report and if the hon. Member wants a specific answer, he may put a separate question."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government show greater consideration and responsibility to reports of Committees appointed by themselves than was the custom under the Britishers?"

The Hon. Sri S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Most certainly. It is being done already and I am sorry the hon. Member did not note it so far."

Recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee.

* 76 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any decision on the report of Jail Reforms Committee and implemented all or any of its recommendations so far?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No, Sir. The Report has been referred to the heads of departments concerned for remarks and they have been asked to submit detailed proposals for implementing the various recommendations of the Committee. Their replies are awaited."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the general line of reform would follow the civilized notion that crime is a disease? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Government place the report on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" About 20 copies of the report are placed in the Legislature Library for reference. Unfortunately, as the Press had released the types, reprinting means a long delay."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO :—" స్టాలిన్ మృతికి సంతాపసూచకంగా రాజమండ్రీ Central Jail లోని ఖైదీలు నిరాహారదీక్ష బూనగా జైలర్‌గారు, 'స్టాలిన్ నా శత్రువు, మీరు నిరాహారదీక్ష బూనరాదని' వారిని బెదరించారనే మాట నిజమేనాండి? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government have actually received the report and how long they will take to come to a decision? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Regarding the first part of the question, I have got the particulars at present. As regards the second part, the Government will take only a few months. It is being examined by the heads of departments and the Government will take the least time possible."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Have the Committee included in the report a suggestion that the long-term prisoners should be released on parole? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" All these questions are covered by the report, Sir."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം കിട്ടിയതിനുശേഷം ഈ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു വല്ല ജയിൽപരിഷ്കരണങ്ങളും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" വളരെ അധികം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ വളരെ അധികം നേരം പിടിക്കും "

HON. MEMBERS :—" We want a translation of the question and answer, Sir."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" After the attainment of freedom, this Government has done much to reform the jails. It will take a few hours to enumerate them here."

Report of the Jail Reforms Committee.

8-50 a.m. * 77 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to place the Jail Reforms Committee Report on the table of the House and state what action the Government are going to take on the recommendation therein?